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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT: ITINERARY

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- 1. IN MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, HE SAID NO SUBSTANTIVE REPLY YET RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT SADAT AT MIT ABUL KOM ABOUT THE DRAFT SCEHDULE. HOWEVER, ONE OF SADAT'S AIDES HAD ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS BE CONVEYED TO ME.
- 2. FIRST, SADAT DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE ANY FUNCTION ON THE DAY OF HIS ARRIVAL, OCTOBER 26. HE SIMPLY WANTS TO REST AND RELAX. HE WILL BEGIN "WORK" ON OCTOBER 27. HE HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON WILLIAMSBURG OR CAMP DAVID.
- 3. SECOND, PUBLIC ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE MINIMIZED. SADAT WANTS TO FOCUS ON MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. FAHMY ASKED THAT THE IDEA OF SADAT'S PARTICIPATION IN EITHER "FACE THE NATION" OR "MEET THE PRESS" BE ELIMINATED. THERE SHOULD BE ONLY ONE PRESS CONFERENCE, EITHER AT THE END OF THE WASHINGTON STOP OR WHEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS MEET AGAIN AT THE REST PLACE. THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON IS AGREEABLE.
- 4. THIRD, FAHMY AGAIN RAISED THE MATTER OF ADDRESSING THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS. I HAVE HIM SUBSTANCE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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STATE 232877. FAHMY WAS APPRECIATIVE THAT WE ARE WORKING

ON THIS AND HOPES WE WILL PRESS IT. IF NO SUCH JOINT SESSION MATERIALIZES, THEN SADAT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING ARRANGED WITH, SAY, TOP 20 MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS. HOWEVER, A PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO THE JOINT SESSION IS PREFERRED.

5. FOURTH, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PRESS CONFERENCE MENTIONED ABOVE, SADAT COULD SIT WITH TOP 20 JOURNALISTS OR NEWSPAPER PEOPLE. I POINTED OUT SUCH A MEETING WAS ALREADY ON OUR DRAFT ITINERARY FOR OCTOBER 28, BUT HE HAD SUGGESTED THE OTHER DAY THAT IT BE DROPPED. (CAIRO 9638). FAHMY SAID HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE. SUCH A MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE.

6. FIFTH, LAST DAY, NOV 4-5, SADAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEND AT SOME PLACE ON EAST COAST TO REST AND RELAX BEFORE PROCEEDING TO UK EVENING OF NOV 5. PLACE SHOULD BE SO LOCATED THAT IT IS NOT MORE THAN A SIX-HOUR FLIGHT TO LONDON.

7. FAHMY HOPES TO HAVE A MORE DEFINITIVE PRESIDENTIAL REPLY WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO AND PROMISED LET ME KNOW ASAP. I HAVE MEETING WITH HASSAN KAMEL TOMORROW MORNING TO FILL HIM IN.

8. FAHMY ALSO ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON AIRPORTS
IN US WHERE PRESIDENT WILL BE LANDING. PRESIDENTIAL
AIRCRAFT CREW, HE SAID, NEEDS THIS SINCE THEY PLAN A
TEST RUN PRIOR SADAT'S ARRIVAL. I OFFERED ARRANGE HAVE
AIRA, COLONEL DOLAN, MEET WITH PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT
CREW TO PROVIDE NEEDED INFO OR IDENTIFY AND OBTAIN ANY
ADDITIONAL NEEDED INFO. MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY AT
MARWAN'S OFFICE.
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